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IDF RETENTION IMPLEMENTATION (U)

A. COMICEDEFOR KEFLAVIK IC 311100Z DEC 74

1. (C) REF A SUBMITTED A SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CIDF,
AMB IRVING, AND AMB ANDERSEN (ICELAND); AND LISTED 12 "POINTS FOR
DISCUSSION," WITH AMPLIFYING COMMENTS, PLUS CIDF INTENTIONS.

2. (C) CONCUR THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE "OFFICIALLY
ESTABLISHED COORDINATING GROUP" AS DEFINED IN PARA 2 REF A.

3. (S) THE ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONCERN ABOUT THE POLITICAL
NECESSITY OF MAKING A POSITIVE START AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE,
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVILIAN SUBSTITUTIONS
AGREED TO IN THE OCTOBER 74 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, IS APPRE-
CIATED. THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF FUNDING, CINCLANTFLT CIVILIAN POINT
CEILINGS, IMPACT ON BUDGET/MANNING OF OTHER MILITARY SUPPORTING

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CLAIMANTS (E.G. US AIR FORCE, CMC, COAST GUARD, COMNAVTELCOM),

PLUS THE NECESSITY TO OBTAIN FLEXIBLE CONTRACTUAL OR HIRING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL NOT DEGRADE THE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE NOR CONTAIN LONGLASTING COMMITMENTS TO ICELANDIC INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS, PRECLUDE ACTUAL HIRING AT THIS TIME. A DEFINITE TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVSUB CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL CINCLANTFLT, AS WELL AS OTHER SUPPORTING CLAIMANTS, CAN RESOLVE FUNDING AND CIVILIAN CEILING POINTS.

4. (S) A DELETION OF ELEVEN NAVCOMSTA BILLETS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 REF A IS NOT CONCURRED WITH AT THIS TIME. THE PROPOSED NAVCOMSTA UK CONCEPT AND THE PLANS TO INSTALL A NATO SATELLITE TERMINAL AT ICELAND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY NECESSITATE BILLET REALIGNMENTS. UNTIL THESE PROPOSALS ARE MORE FIRM (ABOUT JULY 1975) AND THE MANNING ADJUSTED IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT TO DELETE ANY NAVCOMSTA BILLETS. NO OBJECTIONS TO OTHER DELETIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 REF A.

5. (S) IN SUMMARY THE NEGOTIATING POSITION SHOULD BE TO HONOR THE COMMITMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN ICELAND TO THE AGREED LEVEL, BUT UNTIL THE MAJOR SUPPORTING SERVICES/AGENCIES CAN REVIEW THEIR BUDGETS, CEILING POINTS, AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CIVSUB PROGRAMS, NO ACTUAL CIVSUB IMPLEMENTATION CAN BE MADE. RECOMMEND CONCENTRATING ON FLEXIBLE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL BE AN AID TO BUDGETEERS.

6. (C) CINCLANT WILL ADVISE OTHER SUPPORTING CLAIMANTS/AGENCIES (E.G. USAF, CMC, CCG, COMNAVTELCOM) OF CIVSUB COMMITMENTS AND STATUS OF ONGOING DISCUSSIONS.

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